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1 3 AN ACT
1 4 RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND SIMILAR FORMS OF IRREVERS-
1 5 IBLE DEMENTIA.
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1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 9 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.154 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
1 10 SERVICE NEEDS.
1 11 1. The department shall regularly analyze Iowa's
1 12 population by county and age to determine the existing service
1 13 utilization and future service needs of persons with
1 14 Alzheimer's disease and similar forms of irreversible
1 15 dementia. The analysis shall also address the availability of
1 16 existing caregiver services for such needs and the appropriate
1 17 service level for the future.
1 18 2. The department shall modify its community needs
1 19 assessment activities to include questions to identify and
1 20 quantify the numbers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and
1 21 similar forms of irreversible dementia at the community level.
1 22 3. The department shall collect data on the numbers of
1 23 persons demonstrating combative behavior related to
1 24 Alzheimer's disease and similar forms of irreversible
1 25 dementia. The department shall also collect data on the
1 26 number of physicians and geropsychiatric units available in
1 27 the state to provide treatment and services to such persons.
1 28 Health care facilities that serve such persons shall provide
1 29 information to the department for the purposes of the data
1 30 collection required by this subsection.
1 31 4. The department's implementation of the requirements of
1 32 this section shall be limited to the extent of the funding
1 33 appropriated or otherwise made available for the requirements.
1 34 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 231.62 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SERVICES
1 35 AND TRAINING.
2 1 1. The department shall regularly review trends and
2 2 initiatives to address the long-term living needs of Iowans to
2 3 determine how the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease
2 4 and similar forms of irreversible dementia can be
2 5 appropriately met.
2 6 2. The department shall act within the funding available
2 7 to the department to expand and improve training and education
2 8 of persons who regularly deal with persons with Alzheimer's
2 9 disease and similar forms of irreversible dementia. Such
2 10 persons shall include but are not limited to law enforcement
2 11 personnel, long-term care resident's advocates, state
2 12 employees with responsibilities for oversight or monitoring of
2 13 agencies providing long-term care services, and workers and
2 14 managers in services providing direct care to such persons,
2 15 such as nursing facilities and other long-term care settings,
2 16 assisted living programs, elder group homes, residential care
2 17 facilities, adult day facilities, and home health care
2 18 services. The actions shall include but are not limited to
2 19 adopting rules.
2 20 3. The department shall adopt rules in consultation with
2 21 the direct care worker task force established pursuant to 2005
2 22 Iowa Acts, chapter 88, and in coordination with the
2 23 recommendations made by the task force, to implement all of
2 24 the following training and education provisions:
2 25 a. Standards for initial hours of training for direct care
2 26 staff, which shall require at least eight hours of classroom
2 27 instruction and at least eight hours of supervised interactive
2 28 experiences.
2 29 b. Standards for continuing and in-service education for
2 30 direct care staff, which shall require at least eight hours
2 31 annually.
2 32 c. Standards which provide for assessing the competency of
2 33 those who have received training.
2 34 d. A standard curriculum model for the training and
2 35 education. The curriculum model shall include but is not
3 1 limited to the diagnosis process; progression of the disease;
3 2 skills for communicating with persons with the disease, family
3 3 members and friends, and caregivers; daily life skills;

3 4 caregiver stress; the importance of building relationships and
3 5 understanding personal histories; expected challenging
3 6 behaviors; nonpharmacologic interventions; and medication
3 7 management.

3 8 e. A certification process which shall be implemented for
3 9 the trainers and educators who use the standard curriculum
3 10 model.

3 11 4. The department shall conduct a statewide campaign to
3 12 educate health care providers regarding tools and techniques
3 13 for early detection of Alzheimer's disease and similar forms
3 14 of irreversible dementia so that patients and their families
3 15 will better understand the progression of such disease.

3 16 5. Within the funding available, the department shall
3 17 provide funding for public awareness efforts and educational
3 18 efforts for agencies providing long-term care services, direct
3 19 care workers, caregivers, and state employees with
3 20 responsibilities for providing oversight or monitoring of
3 21 agencies providing long-term care services. The department
3 22 shall work with local Alzheimer's disease association chapters
3 23 and other stakeholders in providing the funding.

3 24 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION. The department of elder affairs
3 25 shall implement on or before July 1, 2010, the initial
3 26 provisions for expanding and improving training and education
3 27 of those who regularly deal with persons with Alzheimer's
3 28 disease and similar forms of irreversible dementia and for
3 29 providing funding for public awareness efforts and educational
3 30 efforts in accordance with section 231.62, as enacted by this
3 31 Act.

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4 2 President of the Senate

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4 7 Speaker of the House

4 8 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
4 9 is known as Senate File 2341, Eighty-second General Assembly.

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4 14 Secretary of the Senate

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